

# Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914  
City Limits 8,465

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the Special United States Bureau of the Census report of January, 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,924 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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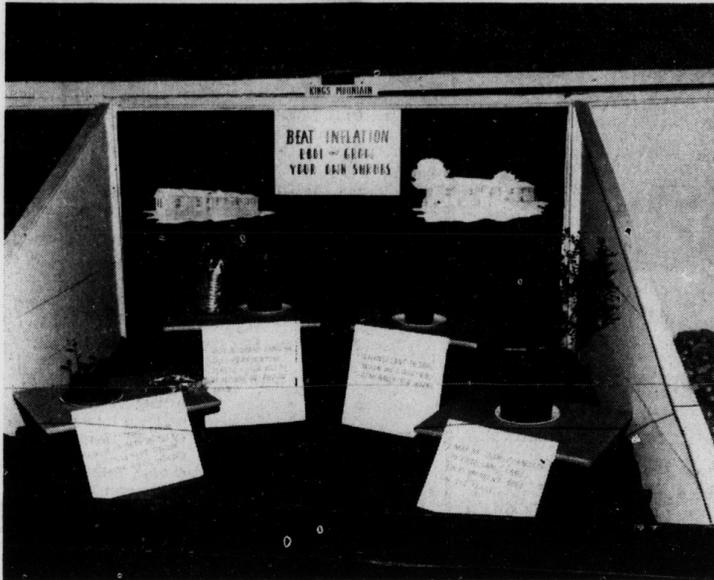
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Eighty-Fourth Year

# Redevelopment Group Buys Wright-Rhea Houses



COUNTY AND STATE FAIR PRIZE WINNER — Kings Mountain high school FFA'ers took first prize at the Cleveland County Fair and the North Carolina State Fair for the prize-winning school exhibit, pictured. The Future Farmers brought home a \$100 cash prize from the Shelby fair and \$300 from the Raleigh fair, which continues through Saturday. Wayne Yarbore is FFA president and M. L. Campbell, G. W. Silver and C. V. Knight are instructors in the agriculture department. (I. G. Alexander Photo)

# Ellison Calls For Run-Off In Ward 3 Commission Race

## More Than 300 Entries For 70th Annual WC Event

The Woman's club's "Community Showcase" attracted a record number of entries Wednesday, as large crowds attended. Fair officials say it was the Woman's club's most successful collection of useful and decorative handmade items ever assembled for a floral fair, and this year, the 70th event, was expanded into a 300-plus exhibit of everything ranging from flowers to fossils and included exhibits from school, church, club, industry and home. More than 400 people were served turkey and dressing and ham plates at noon and evening meals.

The city's newest civic club, The Newcomers, had charge of the bazaar which featured numerous useful and decorative items for the home plus candies and canned goods for the kitchen pantry.

Other civic clubs of the community — the Lions, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Optimist, Rotary and Woman's club displayed a "civic showcase" which explained the work of each organization in an attractive setting.

The addition of a government and industry display also was a conversation piece. The city police department had provided a narcotics display along with pictures of staff members, along with city officials, and a display by the Junior police using pieces of equipment. The Kings Mountain Life Saving Squad and Bloodmobile Unit had an attractive display and Mr. Sweet, Oxford Knitting, Duplex, and Kin-Continued On Page Six



CALLS RUN-OFF — Incumbent Ward III City Commissioner T. J. Ellison, left, has called for a run-off on November 6th with Corbet Nicholson, right, leader in the three-man race on October 9. Nicholson polled 601 to Ellison's 427 and Jim Bell's 178.



## Voters To Decide Ward 3 Contest On November 6

Ward 3 City Commissioner T. J. Ellison Monday called for a run-off against challenger Corbet Nicholson who led the October 9 voting over Comm. Ellison and Challenger James A. Bell.

The run-off election will be on Tuesday, November 6.

Mr. Nicholson failed to attain a clear majority by three votes out of 1206 cast. The vote totals were: Nicholson 601, Ellison 427 and Bell 178, with 604 needed for a clear majority.

The official canvass Thursday by the city elections board confirmed the unofficial returns tabulated the night of the October 9 election. There were no changes in any of the totals including write-in votes.

The one run-off duplicates the lone run-off situation of two years ago when Commissioner Jonas Bridges defeated former Mayor Kelly Dixon.

Comm. Ellison, now in the role of challenger to the leader, is a veteran of 20 years of service as Ward 3 Commissioner. He served on the commission from 1947-51, 1953-55, and from 1959 continuously. He is a Cleveland avenue grocer, member of Grace Methodist church.

Mr. Nicholson, a former superintendent of the city natural gas system, is owner of City Heating Company. He is a son of the late E. C. Nicholson who was superintendent of public works in the mid-fifties.

Elected October 9 were four new city commissioners: Lloyd E. Davis, Ward 2; Don McAbee, Ward 4; James E. Amos, Ward 5; and Murray C. Pruette, Ward 6. Re-elected were Mayor John Henry Moss and Ward 1 Commissioner Ray W. Cline.

## Bethlehem Sets Revival Series

Revival services will begin Sunday, October 21, and continue through the 27th of October at Bethlehem Baptist church.

Evangelist for the services will be the Rev. Alfred R. Wright a former pastor of Unity Baptist church in Gastonia. Mr. Wright resigned as pastor of Unity Baptist to become a full-time evangelist.

Services for the revival will begin at 7:30 except for the Sunday service which will begin at 7:00.

## \$141,235 Paid For 54 Houses In Candler Area

Redevelopment commission Director Gene White announced Friday that a total of 54 structures and four vacant lots have been purchased from Fred Wright Jr., the estate of Mrs. Fred Wright Sr. and James E. (Zip) Rhea.

Purchased from Fred Wright Jr. were 21 houses and the Superior Coln Lumber Co. area located by Watkinson, Tracy, Childers, Ridge, Ellis and Morris streets at cost of \$87,125 or an average of \$2,685 per structure. Additionally, three lots were purchased at an average of \$1,190 per lot for \$3,570.

Total purchase price was \$70,450.

A total of nine structures and one lot was purchased from the estate of M. S. Fred Wright Sr. The average price per house was \$1,650 each and \$350 for a vacant lot.

Total purchase price was \$15,500.

Property purchased from James E. Rhea consisted of 29 structures in the same general area previously cited, including Sam and Tim's Grocery for an average price of \$2,762 per structure.

Total purchase price was \$35,250.

The redevelopment commission has started and will continue to assist tenants of the Candler street area in the search for standard housing in the Kings Mountain area.

Thus far the redevelopment commission has assisted over 20 families in the purchase or rental of standard housing.

There are approximately 35 families presently living in houses acquired from the Wright and area families. They will continue to live there and pay rent to the redevelopment commission until suitable replacement housing can be found.

As each tenant is relocated, the house will be demolished.

The urban renewal plan for this area calls for the demolition of substandard housing, the realignment of small lots to standard size, the installation and upgrading of site improvements such as sewer, water, streets, electricity and open space.

The city's goal for completion of this project is 1976.

The concrete block houses that have been a landmark in the

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## FFWD Serving Chicken Supper

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will serve barbecue chicken Saturday afternoon from 5 until 8 p. m. at the department building in the Bethlehem community.

Plates are \$2 and those attending may enjoy the dining room facilities or take-out orders are available.

Proceeds are earmarked for purchase of fire-fighting equipment.

# Tully Sole Owner Of Kings Mill

## Dick Hunnicutt Is President And Treasurer

W. F. Franck, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tully Corporation of Virginia, announced Wednesday from corporate headquarters, Martinsville, Virginia, that Kings Mill, Inc., had arranged to buy up all of its outstanding common stock with the exception of that currently owned by Tully Corporation of Virginia.

By this action of the Board of Directors of Kings Mill, Inc., Tully Corporation now owns 100% of this 13,600-spindle, knitting yarn mill located in Kings Mountain. The N. Piedmont Avenue firm employs 80 and is a three-shift six days a week operation.

As a result of this purchase, the new and duly elected directors of this corporation as of October 1, 1973, are: H. R. Hunnicutt, Jr.; Bradley T. Johnson; T. F. DeJarnette, III; Willard B. Harris; and W. F. Franck.

At the Board Meeting that followed, H. R. Hunnicutt, Jr., of Kings Mountain was elected president; William F. Franck, vice president; H. B. Hunnicutt, Jr., treasurer; B. R. Craig, assistant treasurer; C. W. Lawhon, secretary; Mrs. Haidee Richardson, assistant secretary. In this re-structuring of the Kings Mill organization, there were no significant changes in management responsibility. Mr. Hunnicutt has

## Formal Opening For Dreamline

Dreamline Furniture Salesroom will hold a formal opening beginning Friday.

The firm, a partnership between Carl P. Finger and Mrs. Joe Neisler, Jr., is located in the former residence of Mrs. Fred Finger, Sr., at 703 S. Battleground avenue.

The firm will feature custom-made furniture manufactured by Dreamline Furniture Company of Lenoir. Registration for a prize drawing will be conducted beginning Friday, with prizes to be offered including the first place winner's choice of sofa, second a swivel rocker, and third a brass table lamp. No purchases are required to register for the drawing which will be conducted at 5 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, October 27.

## Auxiliary Taps Mrs. Benton

Mrs. Odell Benton was re-elected president of the Auxiliary of Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department Monday night at the auxiliary's regular meeting.

Other new officers include Mrs. Jack Lail, vice-president; Mrs. Dwight Ledbetter, secretary; Mrs. Jim Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. Chester Cash and Mrs. Gene Carpenter, publicity committee; and Mrs. Maggie Lail, Miss Piccola Blalock, Mrs. Mylie Huffstler and Mrs. G. A. Lail, food committee.

## \$4430 Reported In UF Campaign

Gifts to the Kings Mountain United Fund for 1974 reached \$4,430.10 Wednesday, solicitors in the advance gifts category reported to UF president Bill Bates and treasurer Becky Seism.

Meantime, Mrs. Bates said the campaign is in full swing in the industrial community where each plant is conducting a campaign to reach a goal. Solicitors have also begun work in the commercial division and reports will be made in about two weeks.

A total of 10 agencies seek a total of \$36,100 and drive leaders are confident the margin will again be topped in the Kings Mountain area.

Bill Grissom is campaign chairman.

Biggest budgeted request is from the Boy Scouts of America at \$7,000, followed by American Red Cross at \$6,000 and Girl Scouts at \$5,600. Other causes are: Kings Mountain Rescue and Life Saving Squad, \$5,000; Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, \$3,000; KMHS Band, \$2,000; Salvation Army, \$900; KMHS Chorus, \$600; Cleveland County Retarded Children, \$250.

He is a native of Forest City and he and Mrs. Freeman are parents of two children. Rev. Mr. Freeman will conduct two services on Sunday at the morning and evening hour and lead mid-week prayer services on Wednesday. He will be in the city all day on Wednesday, he has announced, and is on call for any needs arising in the congregation, he said yesterday.

## Hawkins Employee Hurt In Accident

James Gibson, Jr., an employee of Neal Hawkins Contractor, was injured about 3:35 Wednesday afternoon when a payload was being operated turned over and fell on him.

He was working at Foote Mineral Company. He was taken by ambulance to Gaston Memorial hospital.

## Grading Completed At New Junior High

Grading at the site of the proposed new Junior high school on Phifer road was completed this week and construction crews were moving in equipment to begin work. Laxton Construction Company holds the general contract.

## Mrs. Clark's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Dorothy Blanton Clark, 72, of route two, wife of John Wesley Clark, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from El Bethel United Methodist church of which she was a member.

Her pastor, Rev. E. L. Murphy, will be assisted by Rev. Russell Fitts and Rev. Frank Blanton and interment will be in El Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Clark died Tuesday morning in Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby following several days illness.

She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James D. Blanton.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Lloyd Clark of Kings Mountain, Lionel W. Queen of El Monte, Calif., and Hoyle F. Queen of Morganton; one daughter, Mrs. Bobby Bell of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Ambrose Blanton, Roland Blanton and Burgin Blanton, all of Chesnee, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Sam Bush and Mrs. Perry Ezell, both of Spartanburg, S. C.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## First Wesleyan Methodist Church Buys \$265,000 Building Permit

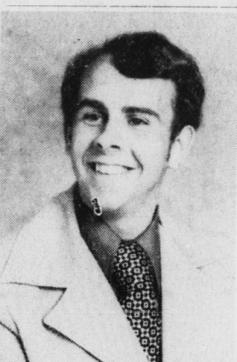
First Wesleyan Methodist church has purchased city building permit for construction of a new church in the 500 block of North Piedmont avenue.

Cost of the new church is estimated at \$265,000.

E. E. Trojdon & Sons are contractors and Walter E. Blue & Associates architects.

John Reynolds has purchased permit for a six-room residence at 606 East Ridge street, estimated cost \$22,800, Bill Ware contractor. Other permits were issued to: Zeb O. Plonk, 401 Downing street, \$2000 carport, Jerry Strickland contractor. Miss Fannie Carpenter, 118 East Mountain street, \$135 re-

# Homecoming Festivities Set



YOUTH DIRECTOR — Jerome Cash, freshman ministerial student at Gardner Webb college and son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cash, has joined Grace United Methodist church as youth director. Cash is a June graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

## Lion White Cane Drive To Start

The Kings Mountain Lions club is conducting its annual Lions White Cane drive Sunday October 21 and Sunday, October 28. Lion Hal S. Plonk, the local White Cane chairman, states that funds raised during this drive support the programs of the North Carolina Association for the Blind. Lion Plonk is optimistic that the community will support the White Cane drive this year as it has in the past. He expresses the appreciation on behalf of all members of the Kings Mountain Lions club for past community support.

The North Carolina Association for the Blind is a non-profit organization, organized in 1934 to establish a state agency for the blind that would administer all federal and state programs relating to blind visually handicapped citizens. Since this action was accomplished in 1935, the North Carolina Association for the Blind has continued to support and cooperate with the state agency.

In 1966, a central office was established in Raleigh to administer and coordinate all services supported by the Association for the Blind and visually handicapped. One of the services supported is the N. C. Eye and Human Tissue bank, located in Winston-Salem. This organization serves

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## Parade Friday Afternoon; Five Vie For Queen

A big homecoming parade on downtown streets Friday afternoon at 4 p. m. will kick-off homecoming festivities at Kings Mountain high school.

The new queen, to be announced following a pep rally at 3 p. m., will be featured in the parade, along with members of her homecoming court, numerous school and club floats, and convalescing the six senior football sponsors. The parade will form on Gold street, proceed to the overhead bridge, down Mountain to Piedmont, from Piedmont to King, from King to Battleground and to the area of the A&P on Battleground where it will disband.

Presentation of the 1973 homecoming court will feature Chase Trojans football game Friday evening at 8 in John Gamble Memorial football stadium. SPO Vice President David Lucas will crown the queen.

Finalists, all seniors, for 1973

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## Official Returns - October 9, 1973 City Election

	44	90	142	119	357	84	836
John Henry Moss For Commissioner Ward 1	44	90	142	119	357	84	836
Ray W. Cline For Commissioner Ward 2	31	80	119	78	289	69	666
Lloyd E. Davis For Commissioner Ward 3	53	69	128	101	223	56	630
W. Seimore Biddix For Commissioner Ward 4	25	76	79	72	247	45	544
Corbet Nicholson For Commissioner Ward 5	44	70	102	104	229	52	601
James A. (Jim) Belt For Commissioner Ward 6	13	22	24	21	81	17	178
T. J. Ellison For Commissioner Ward 7	22	58	84	48	177	38	427
Don McAbee For Commissioner Ward 8	48	73	111	104	220	46	602
W. Norman King For Commissioner Ward 9	31	77	98	70	259	57	592
Jonas Bridges For Commissioner Ward 10	28	67	66	62	160	41	424
James E. Amos For Commissioner Ward 11	52	81	139	110	333	67	782
Murray C. Pruette For Commissioner Ward 12	50	80	136	124	260	59	709
James J. Dickey For Commissioner Ward 13	31	70	69	48	230	48	496

Write-in votes were cast as follows: Hugh A. Logan, Jr., for Ward 1 Commissioner, Wards 1 thru six consecutively, 41, 51, 41, 68, 109, 29—Total 331; For Mayor, Fred Wright, Jr., 23; Glee E. Bridges 6; Ollie Harris 3; Carl Devonde 2; Thomas A. Tate 2; William Orr 2; Roly Brown, Tilman Pearson, John Hancock, James A. Belt, Tom Trott, Orangel Jolly, B. D. King, William Henry Hager and Bob Maner, all 1 each.